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LETTER TO COMMISSION

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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager *KGB*
DATE: October 4, 2012
SUBJECT: Middle Beach Recreational Corridor – Phase 1

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to inform you that on Monday, October 8, 2012, Phase 1 of the Middle Beach Recreational Corridor Project will begin. The project includes the removal of the existing elevated wooden boardwalk from the south property line of the Eden Roc Hotel (approximately 45th Street) to the end of the wooden boardwalk on the north (approximately 47th Street) and construction of an environmentally-friendly at-grade concrete pavers beachwalk facility at the same location. Project duration is approximately four (4) months and total project completion is anticipated by February 2013.

Enclosed please find a project fact sheet and aerial map for the upcoming Phase 1 work. This information will be disseminated immediately to the community through the Public Information Officer for the project.

Phase II of the Middle Beach Recreational Corridor Project is a future project consisting of the continuation of a new beachwalk from 47th Street to 64th Street, where it will connect to the existing North Beach Recreational Corridor.

As you are aware, the state of disrepair of the raised boardwalk has increased over time and its condition has gradually declined throughout the years making it more costly for the City to maintain. The State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection has recommended that, over time, the City replace the entire raised boardwalk with an environmentally-sensitive at-grade facility. Pursuant to policy adopted by the City Commission as part of the 2025 Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan, the City shall continue the implementation of the Beachwalk and Baywalk Projects in order to further the City's vision of having a continuous on grade recreational path running north/south along the coast linking the City's South, Middle, and North Beach Neighborhoods. This vision was also documented in the City's Atlantic Greenway Network Master Plan adopted by City Commission in 2008. As such, as properties re-develop, it is the City's policy to work with private property owners along the oceanfront where the boardwalk exists to remove the elevated structure and construct an environmentally-friendly and more aesthetically-pleasing at-grade beachwalk that can safely accommodate bicycles and pedestrians. This policy also applies to new developments.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Attachment

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Middle Beach Recreational Corridor Phase I – 45th to 47th Street Beachwalk Construction

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Work will be done in phases to minimize impacts to the public. Demolition of the wooden boardwalk and removal of invasive vegetation from within the sand dunes is expected to last approximately three (3) weeks. Access to the beach and street for boardwalk users will be restricted to designated areas while work is underway. Following demolition of the boardwalk, construction of a new beachwalk will begin.

This project is anticipated to be completed in approximately four (4) months.

TRAFFIC FLOW AND HOURS OF OPERATION

- Work will occur during daytime hours from 9:00AM to 4:30PM, Monday – Friday.
- No temporary road and lane closures are necessary in order to perform this work safely.
- The wooden boardwalk will be closed to pedestrian access within the project limits; however, pedestrian access from the boardwalk south of the project limits to the Ocean and Street will be maintained at all times during construction.
- Access to adjacent properties will be maintained at all times.
- Emergency vehicle access to the Ocean will be maintained at the 4600 Block location.

*****The construction schedule is subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.***

We thank you for your cooperation. For more information, or to report events or special accommodations, contact the Project Public Information Officer, Monica Diaz at 786.531.3798 or via email at Monica@ISCprgroup.com.



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

On Monday, October 8, 2012, the City of Miami Beach Department of Public Works will begin the first phase of the Middle Beach Recreational Corridor Project. The project includes the removal of the existing elevated wooden boardwalk from the south property line of the Eden Roc Hotel (approximately 45th Street) to the end of the wooden boardwalk on the north (approximately 47th Street) and construction of an environmentally-friendly at-grade concrete pavers beachwalk facility at the same location. Neighborhood impacts are expected to be minimal during the project. The project is approximately 950 feet in length and the project limits include the City parking lot located on the 4600 Block of Collins Avenue.

PROPOSED WORK

- Demolition of the existing wooden boardwalk from approximately 45th Street to approximately 47th Street.
- Construction of an environmentally friendly at-grade concrete pavers beachwalk facility at the same location.
- Installation of landscaping/irrigation and environmentally-friendly LED bollard lights
- Removal of invasive vegetation from within the sand dunes.

PROJECT COST

Total cost of this project is approximately \$1 million.



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EdenRoc Beachwalk Location Map

